

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5, 7, and 30 have been amended. Claim 31 has been added. Claims 2, 9, 14, and 19 were previously cancelled. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-13, 15-18, and 20-31 are pending and under consideration.

Applicants have timely filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with this Amendment, including the filing fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the finality of any Office action and enter this Amendment for consideration under 37 CFR 1.114.

I. Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed in the present application on January 29, 2007. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 accompanying the Information Disclosure Statement, signed and initialed to indicate that the references listed therein have been considered by the Office.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action, at page 3, numbered paragraphs 2-5, claims 1, 3-8, 10-13, 15-18, and 20-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Forlenza (EP 0 886 204) in view of Qureshey et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0002039) and Yutaka et al. (JP 09026832).

None of Forlenza, Qureshey et al., or Yutaka et al. discuss or suggest “the auxiliary display section including at least a segment display part, an application button definition part, a device status display part, a character display part, and a battery status display part,” as recited in amended claim 1. In other words, the invention of claim 1 provides for displaying segment data, definition data, device status data, character data, and battery status data all in separate parts of the auxiliary display, which can all be viewed from outside of the electronic apparatus, even when the lid is in a closed position. In this manner, the invention of claim 1 allows for more efficient use of the electronic apparatus by allowing the user access to a variety of display information on the auxiliary display section, while maintaining separate parts for each of the data types. In contrast, Forlenza, as relied on by the Examiner, only provides a status display that is

capable of displaying a number of icons that are used only for communicating battery charge status (Forlenza, col. 3, lines 1-53; Figs. 1A, 1B, and 2). Similarly, Qureshey et al. only provides for displaying data related to music that is available to be played or is currently playing on a network enabled audio device. Yutaka et al. also makes no mention of providing an auxiliary display system that provides for displaying segment data, definition data, device status data, character data, and battery status data all in separate parts of the auxiliary display.

Since none of Forlenza, Qureshey et al., or Yutaka et al. discuss or suggest “the auxiliary display section including at least a segment display part, an application button definition part, a device status display part, a character display part, and a battery status display part,” as recited in amended claim 1, claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the references relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 4, 10-13, 24, and 27 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1 and include all the features of claim 1, plus additional features that are not discussed or suggested by the references relied upon. Therefore, claims 3, 4, 10-13, 24, and 27 patentably distinguish over the references relied upon for at least the reasons noted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of these § 103(a) rejections is respectfully requested.

None of Forlenza, Qureshey et al., or Yutaka et al. discuss or suggest “wherein the auxiliary display section includes at least a segment display part, an application button definition part, a device status display part, a character display part, and a battery status display part,” as recited in claim 5. Therefore, claim 5 patentably distinguishes over the references relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 15-18, 25, and 28 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 5 and include all the features of claim 5, plus additional features that are not discussed or suggested by the references relied upon. Therefore, claims 6, 15-18, 25, and 28 patentably distinguish over the references relied upon for at least the reasons noted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of these § 103(a) rejections is respectfully requested.

None of Forlenza, Qureshey et al., or Yutaka et al. discuss or suggest “wherein the auxiliary display section includes at least a segment display part, an application button definition part, a device status display part, a character display part, and a battery status display part,” as recited in claim 7. Therefore, claim 7 patentably distinguishes over the references relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 8, 20-23, 26, and 29 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 7 and include all the features of claim 7, plus additional features that are not discussed or suggested by the references relied upon. Therefore, claims 8, 20-23, 26, and 29 patentably distinguish over the references relied upon for at least the reasons noted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of these § 103(a) rejections is respectfully requested.

None of Forlenza, Qureshey et al., or Yutaka et al. discuss or suggest “the auxiliary display section including at least a segment display part, an application button definition part, a device status display part, a character display part, and a battery status display part,” as recited in claim 30. Therefore, claim 30 patentably distinguishes over the references relied upon. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

II. New Claim

New claim 31 has been added. None of the cited prior art discusses or suggests “the auxiliary display section including at least a segment display part, an application button definition part, a device status display part, a character display part, and a battery status display part,” as recited in claim 31. Therefore, claim 31 patentably distinguishes over the references relied upon for at least the reasons noted above. Thus, it is submitted that claim 31 is in a condition suitable for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-13, 15-18, and 20-31 are pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

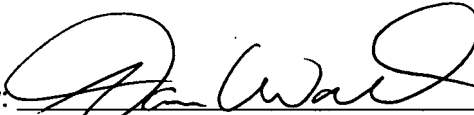
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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